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From: Representative Vincent Candelora, 86th District

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RE: H.B. 5384 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY AUTOMOBILE DEALERS TO BUYERS WITH CERTAIN LOCAL ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.

And

H.B. 5381 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.


I would like to thank the Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Andrew Maynard and Representative Antonio Guerrero, the Honorable Vice Chairs Senator Andrea Stillman and Representative Steven Mikutel, and the Ranking Members Senator Toni Boucher and Representative David Scribner, and the entire membership of the Transportation Committee for their time this morning.

I'm writing in support of HB 5384 and 5381. Briefly, believe these two proposals seek to address two important issues.

HB 5384 would enable auto dealers to issue temporary registrations if records DMV records indicate problems with a purchaser's driving or tax liability history. Under current law, an auto dealer is saddled with the burden of being unable to sell a motor vehicle to a ready and willing buyer if that buyer has an outstanding issue in their DMV history. These issues can range from a clerical error to a minor tax liability. Ultimately, the auto dealer loses the sale and is at the mercy of the buyer resolving the issue and returning to make a purchase. HB 5384 would allow for the sale to go through and shift the burden from the auto dealer to the purchaser to reconcile the issue within a finite time frame. I believe this proposal will go a long way to help the auto industry and at the same time, create a real incentive from the purchaser to now clear up their DMV history within a specified time frame.

HB 5381 seeks to address a growing concern that I've received from constituents and local police. Namely, when motor vehicle registrations are suspended due to a late payment on an insurance policy or failure to mail in the registration fee, DMV is suspending these peoples' registration without prior notification. I have made inquiries to DMV and have yet to receive a response, although I continue to receive complaints from constituents. One local police officer indicated to me that they no longer issue tickets for driving with a suspended motor vehicle registration because of the frequency of the drivers' lack of knowledge of such suspension.

Thank you for raising these two proposals for the Committee's consideration, and I'm happy to answer any questions in the future.

Truly yours,


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